

## BITE OF WOLF SPIDER

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ABSTRACT.— A man bitten on the finger by a wolf spider, *Lycosa* sp., experienced temporary bleeding and tingling of the finger, but no other symptoms occurred.

On September 11, 1978, a male construction worker about thirty years of age was admitted to the emergency ward of the Utah Valley Hospital, Provo, Utah, for treatment of a spider bite. He had grasped the underside of a broken concrete block and felt a pain like a thorn prick on the back of his middle finger. A wolf spider was found on the underside of the block. The worker had apparently imprisoned it by pressing one of its legs against the block.

The paired cheliceral wounds were situated transversely on the finger next to the fin-

gernail. They bled freely for a few minutes, and the victim experienced a temporary tingling of his finger which lasted only for a few minutes. He was discharged without treatment other than application of a disinfectant. No further symptoms were experienced.

Unfortunately a co-worker struck the spider with a hammer. The remains brought in were identified as a *Lycosa* female, probably *carolinensis* based on size and color pattern of the legs and cephalothorax.

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